



## The Lincoln School

# Lincletter

Wednesday

January 27, 2010

### CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Thank you, Lincoln Families! The generosity of our community and the festive spirit of students and faculty in hats were a wonderful show of support for the residents of Haiti and for our head custodian, Pascal Dangerville. Hats on for Haiti raised \$3,959.70! Saturday morning, our Pancake Breakfast committee and 5th grade students put on a wonderful event.

With their continued focus on service and outreach, the GURO committee delivered donated baked goods, leftover oranges and pancake batter to the Pine Street Inn. Lastly, we have another early release today at 11:30. Enjoy! - Our best, Bridget Stump and Linda McDonough

### CALENDAR

**Wednesday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>,**

Early Release Day 11:30AM,  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ice Skating Party 1-2:30

**Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>**

LSPA Meeting 8:30 am at Library

**Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>**

Lincoln Health Fair (students only)

**Feb. 15-19**

Winter Break: No School

**Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Winter Concert

### LITERARY LUNCH

This year the LSPA is proud to sponsor a new lunchtime reading opportunity. Students in grades 1-4 participating in the program meet in small groups of their grade-level peers to discuss and explore a book once a week during lunch period. The program runs for four weeks and starts in early February. Each grade will read 1-2 grade-appropriate books, and there is no cost to participate. Parents—this is an entirely volunteer-run program. Please consider volunteering to lead or assist your child's group. A flier has been sent home, and more are available on the LSPA table across from the Library. Fifth-grade students will be participating in a separate program. Please contact Jen Degnan ( 781-721-5549 [jldegan@msn.com](mailto:jldegan@msn.com)) or Deirdre Giblin [DeidreGiblin@comcast.net](mailto:DeidreGiblin@comcast.net) with any questions.

### DRUMMERS, PILGRIMS, BUTTERFLIES--OH, MY!

So much to say about enrichment! Your direct appeal dollars have been hard at work all year long. The Science Guy cleaned our pennies and created goop in second grade. Third graders travelled to Plimoth Plantation. Fourth graders met dinosaurs and butterflies at the Harvard Natural History Museum. So many stories to tell . . . ask your student about their adventures. Up next: Taiko Drummers rock the Lincoln walls with the second and multi-age classes. Fifth graders will hang out with an owl (and its pellets) during a visit from the Audubon Ark. There is more to come—all because of your generosity. Thank you, and we'll give you another update soon.

### MENTORING PROGRAM UPDATE

The Mentoring Program for fourth and fifth graders is moving into full swing! The process of recruiting mentors based on student interest is complete. Student assignments will be sent out this week via e-mail. Mark your calendars—the Mentor Sharing and Recognition Event will be held Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30. All are welcome! Alison Bayiates, Co-Chair, [alandart@verizon.net](mailto:alandart@verizon.net), Tobey Kelly, Co-Chair, [tobey.kelly@comcast.net](mailto:tobey.kelly@comcast.net)

### LINCOLN SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

On Friday, February 12, 2010, Lincoln will be having its first health fair. We are focusing on Ways to Promote Good Health through nutrition, exercise, wellness, relaxation, personal hygiene, physical activity, and pedestrian and internet safety. We will have about 12 stations, and each class will rotate to a station. The Health Fair is for students in grades K-5. Andrea Cogan is looking for volunteers to escort the students to and from each station, use the overhead page system to call down classes, or assist at a station. If you have an interest in helping or a connection with anyone in a health/exercise field, please contact Andrea Cogan at [acogan@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:acogan@winchester.k12.ma.us)

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### WFEE NEWS—THE TRIVIA BEE

Follow the Buzzing Bee! Do you know where the WFEE Bee Trophy has BEEN so far? The Bee is visiting downtown stores as we all get ready for the WFEE Trivia Bee on February 3rd. Knowing where the Bee has landed might be your key to success at the Bee! Back by popular demand this year will be teams of fifth graders from each school to kick off the Bee with one round of questions. Students will volunteer for the teams; if we have more than 3 volunteers per school the final team will be chosen by lot. There is still room for more adult teams. Adult registration forms are available at [www.wfee.org](http://www.wfee.org). Send your registration with your tax-deductible donation (\$300 entrance fee) payable to WFEE, c/o Emily Ehl, 20 Everell Road. Friends, neighbors and co-workers are often happy to contribute as team sponsors. Let us know if you don't want to play but are interested in sponsoring a team. Don't delay; the registration deadline is January 27th! For more information, contact Emily Ehl at 721-6440 or [e.ehl@verizon.net](mailto:e.ehl@verizon.net)

#### MCCALL PRINCIPAL SEARCH

Parent focus group Monday, Feb. 1, 7-8 p.m. What qualities do we want the new principal of McCall Middle School to have? What are the 5 most important attributes of a great middle school principal? Please give this a little thought, and come to McCall on Monday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m. for a discussion with Assistant Superintendent Marc Kerble. Help identify what we, as parents, are looking for in the new principal for our school. Please RSVP to [president@mccallpa.org](mailto:president@mccallpa.org) or by phone to Co-President Susan Verdicchio, 721-0441.

#### COINS FOR KIDS

Winchester kids are helping kids in Haiti by collecting Coins for Kids on Saturday January 30th from 10am - 2pm at the Winchester Transfer Station. Donations will be sent to Save the Children, a highly rated charity active in Haiti that is dedicated to helping children & families:

[www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org) Here's how you can help our kids contribute to Haiti relief:

1) Bring your loose change to the Transfer Station on Saturday January 30th between 10am and 2pm. 2) Help collect coins (ages 6 and up with a parent) To sign up go to <http://coinsforkids.pleasebringit.com/events/zlaSS857VrM=/public> 3) Spread the word! For more information, contact [jennynordan@gmail.com](mailto:jennynordan@gmail.com) or [lsteenburgh@gmail.com](mailto:lsteenburgh@gmail.com)

### STATE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

Feb. 25, 6-8pm at McCall Library. This annual program returns with Superintendent of Schools, Bill McAlduffe, and Director of Pupil Services, Linda Stapp, who will talk about what is going on with Special Education in Winchester-Q&A will follow.

### LBLD GROUP MEETING CHANGE

Language Based Learning Disability Parents Group meeting has been changed to Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7pm in the McCall School Library. We have had 30+ parents attend our last two meetings. If you have a child with dyslexia or other language based learning disability please join us for support and helpful conversation. Thank you, Amy Kraft [akpk1282@verizon.net](mailto:akpk1282@verizon.net) and Kim Lazarus [kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net](mailto:kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net)

### SYBS 2010 SPRING REGISTRATION

Although it still feels like winter, baseball/softball season is not far away. Registration is now open for baseball (ages 6 – 15, as of April 30, 2010) and softball (K – 8th grade) for the 2010 spring season. Registrations must be completed by March 15, 2010, in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. SYBS has made a number of changes to the softball program that will enhance the experience for players and families. Spring Age Groups: Clinic (K-2: commissioners Susan Wiseman and Danielle Ladd)—held on Saturday afternoons from 2-3:30PM at Westside (Start date TBA), Junior (Grades 3-5: commissioner Mikie Ulwick)—teams assigned by elementary school (Times, Days, Location TBA). Visit the SYBS website (<http://www.sybs.org>) and click on "Registration." Players who register after March 15, 2010, will be assigned to a team on a space-available basis.

### WINCHESTER POP WARNER

Following the lead of the amazingly successful Sachem Youth Football program for the middle school, we are bringing elementary school-age football back to Winchester for the first time in a full generation. We have been hard at work

since the end of the 2009 football season exploring the possibility of having our young players who have been playing in neighboring towns come back home and play together here. We have received a great reception to the idea so far, and it is time to launch the program formally. Please go to [www.winchesterpopwarner.com](http://www.winchesterpopwarner.com) to find out more. On Thursday 1/28 at 7:00pm in the Winchester High School Cafeteria, we will be having a meeting for anyone who is interested in coaching or volunteering in any way for the Winchester Pop Warner program. We will be having a general informational meeting at a later date in February in which we will address questions relating to all aspects of the program. If you cannot make the meeting, please visit our volunteer page <http://winchesterpopwarner.com/volunteer> to submit a form so we may keep you involved as we move forward.

### PARENT TO PARENT

Presents a Parenting Book Group discussion of "Mom, Jason's Breathing on Me!" The Solutions to Sibling Bickering by Anthony Wolf, Ph.D. Join us on Thursday, February 25, 2010, from 7 to 9pm at the Winchester Public Library. This insightful book explores one of the greatest banes of parenting--sibling bickering. The author, using anecdotes from his own life, gives parents ammunition through tried-and-true tactics. Wolf addresses many other aspects of childrearing, including how parents can teach fairness to children while remaining above the fray. Books will be available at the circulation desk of the library and on sale at BookEnds. You do not have to have read the book to participate.

### FREE ONLINE STUDENT HELP

**Service Offered by Winchester Public Library:** HelpNow!, powered by Brainfuse, is online tutoring offered through the Winchester Public Library. Log on to the library website databases, and students in grades 3-12 can receive live help in English/Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies. The online classroom uses Instant Messenger and a whiteboard to share the messages. HelpNow also has a Writing Lab! Send your paper to a tutor and receive a constructive response within 24 hours! There are no session limits, and the hours are Monday – Sunday, 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Take advantage of this special service for homework help or specific skills building! Give it a try, fill out a brief survey form in the children's room at the Winchester Public Library, and you will be

entered in a raffle for Book Ends gift certificates! Deadline: February 19<sup>th</sup>.

### MULTICULTURAL NETWORK

#### Building Inclusive Community:

A three-part workshop with Rev Eric Dupee on Wednesday evenings--January 20, January 27, and February 3--at 7 PM in the Meeting Room of the Winchester Public Library. Sometimes our implicit understandings of cultural norms, rules of behavior, and expectations become barriers to the inclusion of those who come with alternative cultural norms. What happens when cultures collide? How does a community maintain its boundaries and open itself to 'outsiders?' Over the course of these three meetings participants will look at culture, boundaries, and specific ways a community can become more inclusive. Rev. Dupee will draw from resources both within the Christian tradition and secular culture; the workshop is open to anyone with a heart for building inclusive community in any context. The workshop is sponsored by the Winchester Multicultural Network and is free. For more information or to register call the Multicultural Network 781-729-7100 or email [office@wmcn.org](mailto:office@wmcn.org).

### HOTTEST TICKET IN TOWN

The Winton Club is holding its 89th annual Cabaret to benefit Winchester Hospital. The show runs from January 26-30, 2010, at Winchester Town Hall. This year's theme is "Celebration of Life." This year's cabaret will portray in song and dance the various stages of life: birth, youth, adult, and senior along with the celebrations associated with the milestones in each of these stages. Also incorporated in the theme is the constant presence of Winchester Hospital as an integral part of enhancing our well being to ensure that each of life's celebration can be enjoyed to the fullest. Winton Cabaret is a fun evening out for everyone. Best of all, you will be supporting a great cause, as all show proceeds benefit Winchester Hospital. Get a group together and join the fun at "Celebration of Life." For ticket information call 781-729-5307 or go to <http://cabaret.wintonclub.org>.

### FANSPLASH UPDATES

#### WINTER FIESTA!

Come out of the cold and turn up the heat for a night that will support local arts and help to make a splash! The Winchester Cultural Council and FAN's Borggaard Beach Revitalization Committee are pleased to present a Cultural Fiesta to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at the Town Hall Auditorium to help raise

funds for the arts in Winchester and the revitalization of Borrggard Beach. Live salsa music performed by the 8-piece Tequila Amigos Latin Orchestra will be sure to liven up the room! Light refreshments and a cash bar will also be available. Mr. Allan Eyden will take to the stage as our honored guest and auctioneer, and a 50/50 raffle will be taking place throughout the night. You can show your support prior to the event by becoming an event sponsor, program advertiser, or by reserving a private table. You can even select a donor package option! Please contact Elizabeth Angelino at [info@fansplash.org](mailto:info@fansplash.org) for more information. Tickets will be available for purchase soon, via PayPal at [www.fansplash.org](http://www.fansplash.org), or at Bookends. Please feel free to email [WinCulturalCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:WinCulturalCouncil@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer on the Fiesta Committee.

**LINCLETTER SCHEDULE**

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